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CRITIQUES :

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Government House, Ottawa, January 4, 1898.

DEAR MR. CHADWICK,—Allow me to thank you most sincerely for the copy of your work on the "Six Nations" which you have had the kindness to send to me. I think you are to be congratulated regarding the artistic shape in which you have placed the book before the public, and the full and intimate descriptions which you have given of the interesting history and customs of the tribe of which we are both Honorary Chiefs. I remain

Sincerely yours

(Signed) ABERDEEN

Indian Office, Brantford, Jan. 28th, 1898.

To Major E. M. Chadwick, Chief Shagotyhogwisaks, Barrister, Etc., Toronto

MY DEAR CHIEF SHAGOTYHOGWISAKS,—There frequently have been enquiries as to the best work on the Indians of this country, and I have always felt that it was to be regretted that there was no work which would give a full and correct as well as concise account of the Indians who occupy a most important position in the history of Canada, and particularly when there were means of obtaining such information, partly by traditions and the historical wampum belts of the nation, and partly by writers who have also recorded much of their customs and many things of interest. After carefully looking over your work, I am glad to say that that want has been supplied by the "People of the Longhouse." It certainly contains all the information and I can recommend it to any person who may desire to know something of the Red Men who still are very numerous in Canada. Believe me

Yours Sincerely

(Signed) E. D. CAMERON, Supt. Six Nation Indians

Toronto, January 25th, 1898

DEAR MR. CHADWICK,—You have succeeded in writing what seemed at first an impossibility, another book on the Six Nation Indians, which is interesting and new. The condensed account of the organization of the Confederacy and of the manners and customs of the nations composing it, especially of those which have settled in Canada, is very good. The list of Chiefs is a feature which historically adds to its value. The illustrations of the totems and the heraldic rendering is quite in your way, as also the ingenious binding exhibiting the peace and war colors. I congratulate you on your success.

Yours faithfully

(Signed) JAMES BAIN JR.

From *Church Evangelist*, Feb. 10th, 1898.—"The People of the Longhouse is a less familiar name for the Indians generally known as the Iroquois, or Six Nations, whose history Major Chadwick gives in brief in this elegant volume. The fuller history of this interesting people is contained in books some of which are out of print and all out of reach of the ordinary reader; so that Major Chadwick has done good service in thus rescuing from oblivion the antiquities, historical or social, of these tribes, and in bringing them within easy access of those to whom they may be of interest. We have only to add that this book is marked by several excellent features which are not often found in combination,—an attractive and characteristic cover, a complete index, paper so good and type so clear that it is a pleasure to read it, and excellent illustrations of Indian warriors, chiefs, dress, beadwork, and weapons of war. Besides the index is so complete that there is nothing of interest in the text to which reference cannot be made in a moment."

March 10th, 1899

From the *Presbyterian Review*.—"The ordinary reader might think that there was nothing new under the sun to be written about the Iroquois and the specialist might say that it was an impossibility to write anything new about them in repetition which would be readable. But the ordinary reader has now presented to him a compressed amount of information on our Indians which tells him more than he supposed existed, and the specialist finds that in addition to the compressed and triple extracted old information there is in Mr Chadwick's book much that hitherto has not been made public. The research put into "The People of the Longhouse" and the complete index provided to the work, make it a valuable reference for students of Indian lore who have not had the author's power of patience and love of his subject, not to mention his facility in etching and knowledge of heraldry."

From *Montreal Herald*, 12th March, 1898.—"Not only has the White Face stolen from the Longhouse its lands; he has blackened the Indian character and made the Indian name synonymous with treachery and cruelty. Only occasionally is a voice raised in defence and justification. One of these voices is raised in this book of Major Chadwick, Shagotyohgwisaks as he is called in the roll of honorary Chiefs at the Brantford Reserve. The book is one of the daintiest of pieces of the bookmakers' trade, or, as it is becoming in these days, art. The cover is colored on one side in vertical stripes, yellow, pink and white the colors of peace and festivity, and on the other side red and black, the Indian war colors. Along with much interesting while at the same time concise information of a general kind, the pretty little book gives some very valuable information relative to the remnant of the Longhouse confederacy which is living its life out on the Grand River, in Ontario."

March 24th, 1898

From *Canadian Churchman*.—"Mr. Chadwick has produced a book not only of great beauty but of very considerable historical and archaeological interest. Nothing could be better or handsomer than paper, type and binding, and the contents put together with great literary ability. The subject of the volume is the Iroquois or People of the Longhouse, also known as the Six Nations and formerly as the Five Nations. The ancient customs and many things of interest concerning these peoples have been gradually passing out of memory, and the writer has properly considered the preservation of them a matter of interest and importance. A good account is given of the Indian Wampum, of their music and dancing, of their clans and tokens. A full list of Chiefs and Honorary Chiefs is appended."

From *Saturday Night*.—"A book, full of information as to the history and customs of that most interesting people, the Iroquois or Six Nation Indians, has just been issued under the title 'The People of the Longhouse'. Major Edward M. Chadwick, the author, is an Honorary Chief of the Mohawk tribe, and has had opportunities for thoroughly studying the ancient and modern lore of this people. Major Chadwick, besides describing peculiar and interesting customs of this aboriginal people, throws new light on the Indian character, and we see that the Six Nations at least are, and have been, unless where contaminated by the bad white, a clean, brave, intelligent and honest people, the possessors of an old, if primitive, civilization, a reliable history dating approximately back as far as 1459, and an ancient and dignified form of representative Government. In collecting and recording these facts about the Iroquois and their manners and customs, Major Chadwick has compiled what will prove to be a very valuable work."

From *Review of Reviews*.—"Major Chadwick's study of the Iroquois Indians, otherwise known as the Six Nations, discloses many interesting facts in the history of those remarkable tribes, and at the same time offers a suggestive commentary on the methods of the Canadian Government in dealing with the Indians as contrasted with those employed in the United States."

From *Canadian Magazine*.—"E. M. Chadwick's piece of historical work, 'The People of the Longhouse' is a very satisfactory contribution to the literature relating to our Indian tribes. The Six Nations, or Iroquois—the other two common names of these Indians—have a history of considerable antiquity, and one which during the last hundred and fifty years is a part of the history of British Rule in Canada. Major Chadwick, himself a nominated Indian Chief, gives much information concerning their laws and customs, with chapters on Indian names and Indian character. The book is uniquely bound and handsomely printed."

From *Journal of the Royal Colonial Institute*.—"The work is a well-written, straightforward and valuable record of the history of a certain section of the population of Canada, and clearly shows that the progress towards civilization of those bands of Indians which have only of recent years been collected in reserves is most remarkable."

St. Regis, October 4th, 1898.

E. M. CHADWICK, ESQ.,

DEAR SIR,—Yours to hand on the 1st inst. In reply allow me to thank you for the book which I received O. K. It is past my expectation. I think it is the most complete on Rotinonsionni that I have read, and I think that we Indians ought to be thankful that you were able to get it in print so soon, for there are some things contained in the book almost forgotten by our people; so your book will be guide for the future on Rotinonsionni.

Yours, etc.

(Signed) WILLIAM REEP, Indian Interpreter



